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THE COLONEL AS A LETTER WRITER.

Premier Prior is becoming quite a prolific producer of epistles. In this respect the Colonel is following closely in the footsteps of his predecessor. The hand of a ready writer seems to be necessary to the present-day rulers of British Columbia. Elevation to positions of power, authority and responsibility, it is well known, has a tendency to develop unsuspected powers in men. We, in company with the majority of the Colonel's friends, have for years regarded him with great veneration as an orator. But his literary gifts were a sealed book until he became Premier of British Columbia. When he was a member of the Dominion Parliament the Colonel never wrote anything publishers were likely to tumble over one another to get possession of. That is, not so far as the public knew. All his intellectual powers were concentrated upon his speeches. When a general election drew near the orations were carefully collected from Hansard, issued in pamphlet form from the government press at Ottawa (at the expense of the people) and distributed with the compliments of E. G. Prior and Thomas Earle. But it is a proverb that great authors are invariably modest. Many of the brightest gems of literature are said to have lain concealed in old trunks for years, because the authors were too diffident to submit them to publishers. So it may be that the Colonel's desks are full of essays on the science of government, the laws of economics and kindred subjects, written in the long intervals between speeches, in the time the author is popularly and wrongly supposed to have been devoting to the frivolities of the fashionable set at Ottawa.

Two of the Premier's epistles, manifestly dashed off on the "spur of the moment," appear in the *Colonist* this morning. One is addressed to the electors of West Yale. There is nothing startling in the document. It tells the people of the constituency they ought to support the candidate of the present government. The Colonel was generally suspected of holding such views. We understood he made a trip through the region for the purpose of personally impressing the electors with them. He evidently did not meet with the success he expected, and so he has dropped into the epistolary form. In addition the Premier points out that the people of the province generally do not want a general election, and to avert the calamity they wish to avoid he has formed a government out of the strongest of the political elements—the most effective combination possible—and that it is his desire to settle down to business of a practical nature and to put an end to turmoil. There is one pleasing announcement in the document. It is this: "One of the most important questions which any government in this province has to deal with is that of finance. I wish to meet the issue squarely. The government has decided upon a revision of financial methods so far as that is possible. The present prospects in that

direction are very bright. You will be pleased to know that for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1902, the expenditures have been kept well within the appropriations, and that by the end of June, 1903, from what the public accounts show, now, the expenditures will, we hope, have been balanced by actual receipts, placing the province for the first time for many years in the position of having no deficit to be provided for. Nevertheless, in view of the responsibilities involved in prospective development, and to provide for possible exigencies in the future, it is necessary to exercise rigid economy. A report is being prepared with reference to the expenditures of each department, and it is the intention to cut off every item not indispensable in the interests of the public service. If by the revision of methods new sources of revenue can be devised without increasing taxation, and old items of expenditure can be minimized, it will be done and done thoroughly."

Statements of this character have been made so often by the predecessors of the gentleman in office that the public may be excused for a certain amount of scepticism. But we hope the prediction will come true.

Many other matters of urgent public importance are brought to the attention of the electors of West Yale for the purpose of proving how essential it is that the Prior government should be sustained in power. It is going to secure the construction of railways, heavy and light, through Yale and Cariboo as well as down the coast to Victoria; it is going to abolish the two per cent. tax on mines notwithstanding the strong arguments of the Colonist in favor of the retention of the system; it is going to strenuously press the claims of the province for better terms from the Dominion. The foregoing, in essence, is the latest policy of the Premier. He has secured a candidate to sustain his cause in West Yale, and he has given him a platform to stand upon. The difficulty of inducing a champion to step into the ring is a fair indication of the odds in favor of Mr. Semlin in the contest. Both government and opposition recognize the fact that it is a fight to the death in West Yale. There will be a bitter struggle. If the government wins it may be able to command a majority in the House. If it loses there is likely to be a smash. The administration no doubt possesses some elements of strength; but the chief factor in its favor is the possession of power. Deprived of that, the elements which sustain it would soon become comparatively unimportant and impotent.

Colonel Prior has also addressed an epistle to Premier Parent of Quebec. It is a plea for better terms for British Columbia. There is nothing new in it. Its principal complaint is against high taxation—taxation the party with which the Premier has all his public life been allied would increase if it had the power. Indeed a specially active campaign is now in progress in favor of increased duties. The Manufacturers' Association and the Conservative party have joined themselves together in the hope of inducing Canadians to consent to an increase of their burdens in order that the favored classes may wax fatter, revel in more luxuries and leave their millions to their successors. It is not denied now that an increase of duties would mean an increase in the burdens of taxation. The day has gone by when that fact can be concealed. But it is claimed that the increase would hardly be felt and that as patriotic citizens we of the West ought to consent to pay a trifle more for what we consume in order that the infant industries of the East—infants which will never reach maturity—may be built up.

This agitation for better terms is no new thing. Colonel Prior says British Columbia was the leader in the movement. The Eastern provinces have been stirring the matter up for many years. The provincial premiers, with Sir Oliver Mowat at their head, approached the Conservative federal government at Ottawa and presented the matter to it very forcibly a considerable number of years ago. But Sir John Macdonald refused to make any concessions. To-day we are favored with lighter taxation, and the Dominion treasury is in a healthier state. There is a government at Ottawa anxious to deal justly with all parts of the country. But it must not be forgotten that it is a serious thing to break the seal of the terms of confederation. The establishment of such a precedent might lead to confusion and all sorts of abuses in the future. Some of the Eastern provinces are already demanding that the rule which governs representation in the House of Commons shall be suspended because it affects them unfavorably. That is a sample case. Then in opposition to the provincial claims that some of them are handicapped for want of revenue, it may be pointed out that one of the provinces has a surplus in the bank of upwards of two million dollars; that another under bad government was getting deeper and deeper into debt until there was talk of repudiation of liabilities, when the people were aroused, installed a new government and the balance between revenue and expenditure has ever since been maintained. It is open to the federal government to insinuate that what British Columbia needs more than anything else is a capable, efficient, intelligent government.

Nevertheless, there can be no doubt of the fact that in some respects the relations between the Dominion and the provinces are at present inequitable, and we hope an arrangement may be reached which will remove the real grievances



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and put an end to the pilgrimages to Ottawa.

RIVAL BOARDS.

The commercial interests of Victoria should be well guarded now that we have both a Board of Trade and a Chamber of Commerce. It might be supposed that unity of action would lend strength to the purposes of all who have the advancement of the interests of Victoria at heart. But the gentlemen who have organized the new body believe they know what they are about, and we have no doubt they are right. They have objects in view, and they propose to attain those objects in their own way. The two commercial organizations must not be understood as being in any respect antagonistic in purpose. Indeed, we are satisfied that when any question arises vitally affecting the interests of the city they will be found working in perfect harmony. It is said by some that the Board of Trade has fallen into a rut, and that it is hopeless to attempt to lift it out of that rut; that many of its movements are political, and so on, and that it was considered easier to establish a new institution than to reform the old one. All old bodies, old businesses, and even old boys and old girls, are liable to drop in to rut. We all need stirring up occasionally. We require to be informed that our methods and our politics and our style are getting old-fashioned and out of date. Otherwise we shall fall irretrievably to the rear and eventually out of the race. So we are sorry the younger element did not take the Board of Trade in hand and reform it and bring it up to the times, if it needs it, which its members will no doubt indignantly deny. Perhaps they intend to reform it from without instead of from within. They believe that competition will do it good. We hope it will. We have had our little differences with the old board, but we wish it well, and hope it may succeed in showing these young fellows who object to lawyers and editors, and all other who "live by their wits," that there is "life in the old dog yet."

Great Britain, which is being rapidly pushed under the surface in all lines of enterprise by her vigorous and aggressive rivals, has the London Speaker points out, 52.8 per cent. of the gross shipping tonnage of the world, and has actually increased its steam tonnage during the last twelve years by more than 50 per cent. The steam tonnage of Germany has, no doubt, increased more rapidly, but, as a witness of common sense remarked, it is easier to increase from 1 to 2 than from 100 to 200. As a matter of fact, the increase of Germany has been 1,672,000 tons, while that of Great Britain has been five and a quarter millions!

There are two problems at present giving the governing bodies of the city of Victoria considerable anxiety, the rapid increase of the school population and the inadequacy of the water supply at a certain season of the year. The water commissioner has a royal remedy for one. He would impose a check on consumption. Perhaps the superintendent of schools might evolve a cure along the same lines for the troubles of the school trustees.

GERMANY AND STATES.

Hamilton Times.
In 1902 the United States sent \$25,000,000 worth of goods to Germany; in 1900 the figure was \$250,000,000. Meanwhile Uncle Sam was diligently checking his tariff wall to shut out exchange of German goods. Now Germany has got mad and hit back, and Uncle Sam pants and talks about a "tariff war." Isn't that rich!

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BLOW, BLOW, THOU WINTER WIND.

Shakespeare.
Blow, blow, thou winter wind:
Thou art not so making:
As man's ingratitude;
Thou art as little able
To hurt the woodman, though
Because thou art not seen,
Although thy breath be rude.
Heigh ho! Sing heigh ho! unto the green holly:
Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly.
Then heigh ho, the holly!
This life is most jolly.

THE SHOOTING OF AN EDITOR.

New York Evening Post.
The shooting of Editor Gonzales by Lieutenant-Governor Tillman, at Columbia, S. C., is regarded as a sensational event for South Carolina standards, since prompt measures had to be taken to prevent the lynching of the prisoner. What is wanted next is a fair trial of Tillman and a legal punishment—execution by hanging if Gonzales dies. Imprisonment, as a term of years if he recovers. But we doubt whether either penalty will be inflicted. Several years ago the most distinguished editor in the state, a man of high character, was assassinated in Charleston in broad daylight by a man whose devoted province had been interfered with by the editor. Not in the columns of his newspaper, but in the course of his daily life. The assassin received no adequate punishment. If this murderer had been hanged, as he richly deserved, to the satisfaction of the people, he would have been able to walk the streets of Columbia without danger of falling by a coward shot, and Tillman would not now be in need of protection against lynchers. A passenger in the cars from Louisville to New Orleans, in the month of November last, buying newspapers from a place to place, counted six violent deaths along his route, all occurring in a single day. And yet many think we are peculiarly fit to take charge of the destinies of semi-barbarous people on the other side of the globe, and lead them into the ways of civilized life.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF FREE COAL.

Toronto News.
The recent Canadian policy of quiet independence of American tariffs has proved an unexpectedly potent means of inciting the American heart to reciprocity. The novel spectacle is seen to-day of Americans—individual Americans, it is true—calling for reciprocity, and of Canada assuming a distinctly cool attitude on the subject. Which of the two attitudes will more impress the United States Congress, an instant following of their limited and temporary (cool) measure—an eager following, as they would view it—of a continuance of our recent policy? The Dominion government can doubtless will—will itself of the powers given it by the tariff act, and reduce the coal duty to 40 cents. But would not the passing of special legislation have the effect of destroying the American belief in the sincerity of our recent attitude of independence? Would it not strengthen the American belief that Canada at heart yearns for reciprocity, and so can be bargained with, the suppliant, not as the graver of favors.

THE OLD STORY.

Detroit Free Press.
"Don't you think she's a model mother?"
"Why, her children are little terrors!"
"Yes; but she writes such good papers for our mothers' meetings!"
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Ladies' Jackets and Capes
Monday
See to-morrow's Times and Colonist.
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Prices \$8.50 to \$13.50, dark greys, 16 in the lot. Price Saturday \$5.00

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That are often asked for. We received to-day a shipment of Ladies' Spring Heel Shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 5. Just what your daughter wants and she has had a long search for them. You will note that we make no extra charge for these specialties. The above sizes in Vel Kid, heavy sole kid tip (spring heel). Price \$2.50

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THE VOCAL COMMERCIAL COLLEGE
VANCOUVER, B. C.
NOT LOYAL.
To the Editor:—In conversation with a representative of an Eastern customs-tailor, who has been here for ten days securing orders, he spoke of procuring from the citizens of Victoria enough trade to warrant his coming out here twice a year. Have you no competent tailors in Victoria? If so, have your citizens no loyalty? I have often heard Victoria called "Poor old Victoria." Is this one reason? A STRANGER.

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City News in Brief.

—John Labatt's Ale is sparkling purity.

—On and after the 1st February, the Imperial Hotel will be conducted under new management.

—On Monday, February 9th, the Literary Society of the Presbyterians church will have an "Evening With Burns," when a programme selected from the works of Scotland's poet will be given. An instructive and pleasant time is guaranteed all who attend.

—On Tuesday, February 10th, an entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Capital Athletic Association at the St. James hall, James Bay. The programme will consist of selections by the best known local musicians, assisted by members of the Royal Navy. The concert will begin at 8.15, and an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged.

—Part practices in connection with the Victoria Musical Festival will be held as follows: Sopranos and contraltos on Monday, February 2nd, at 3 o'clock at Wai's hall; tenors and basses on Saturday, January 31st, at 8 o'clock at Wai's hall; basses on Thursday, February 5th, at 7.15 at the city hall. The full rehearsals will be held on Thursday at the city hall, commencing at 5 o'clock, and closing at 10.

—The Fernwood Athletic Association have decided to give another dance in the A. O. U. W. hall. It will take place on the 17th of February, and will be carried out largely upon the lines of the former dance. The committees having it in charge are as follows: Decoration, H. M. Wilson, R. R. King and A. Marconi; refreshment, R. A. Dalby, Thrall and A. Marconi; programme, A. Peden and F. Marconi; floor, Marconi; A. Peden and King; door, E. A. Gallop and H. M. Wilson. Only a limited number of tickets will be issued.

—The Victoria school board will ask the city council for an appropriation of \$67,000 for ordinary expenses in connection with the schools, and an extraordinary appropriation of \$50,000 for new school buildings. This is really a modest request, considering that the Vancouver school board, by the school board of that city. They have asked for \$38,000 for ordinary expenses and \$125,000 for buildings, \$60,000 of which is to be expended on a new high school. Victoria's total for ordinary and extraordinary expenditure is \$117,000; Vancouver's is about \$225,000.

—Passengers by last evening's Charmer were entertained in a delightful manner on the voyage down from the Terminal City by a quartette of little singers from far off Wales. The boys, for such they were, were George, Fred, Arthur and Ernest Petch, and have come to Victoria to join their father, a jeweller of this city. They were accompanied on their long journey by their mother and Miss Wallace, of Belfast, Ireland, and were met by Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace and daughter at the Terminal City. The boys belong to a family of seven, every one of whom are musicians; their father is leader of the choir of St. James church, James Bay. The eldest of the quartette referred to possesses a beautiful treble voice, while his little brothers take an alto part when all sing together.

—A very enjoyable evening was spent at Howard's hotel, Esquimalt, on Wednesday evening, when the members of the Navy Yard Football Club gave a smoker to their secretary, R. F. Rankin, who leaves for England on Saturday. After the usual business of the club was finished, the evening was given over to enjoyment. Mr. Elko opened the ball by singing "A Mansion of Aching Hearts," followed by Mr. Creighton (captain of the team), who sang "Grace Darling," in which all the members joined heartily in the chorus. Songs were also given by all the members of the team, and the entertainment lasted till the early hours of the morning, when all the members rose and sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," at the same time wishing their late secretary a pleasant voyage home to the Old Country.

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—The following are the officers of the Victoria Literary Society for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet; vice-president, Capt. Clarke; secretary, Mrs. Hardie. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Hardie's residence, Belleville street, on February 17th.

—Sub-Lieutenants John H. Knight and John S. Harris, of the survey ship Egeria, and Clarence W. E. Trevelyan, of the Virago, are promoted to be lieutenants. Arthur H. Cameron, No. 83 Co., R. G. A., is promoted lieutenant. These promotions appear in the New Year's Gazette.

—His Worship Mayor McCandless, Richard Hall, M. P., P. H. Dallas, Buchanan, K. C., M. P., L. G. McCandless, president of the board of trade, and Simon Leiser, composed a delegation which waited upon James Dunsinuir, M. P., yesterday, to ascertain his views upon the subject of building a railway to the north end of Vancouver Island. Mr. Dunsinuir expressed himself as heartily in favor of the scheme of building a railway, and said he would do all he could to assist in this work.

—In Admiralty reserved judgment was yesterday handed down by Mr. Justice Martin on a motion to declare H. H. Jones, the purchaser of the Blinkey at the market's sale, bound to charge him with loss on a subsequent resale which was rendered necessary by his repudiation of this purchase. It was contended that a further order should have been made before resale took place, that there was no contract on Mr. Jones's part, and no written evidence of it to satisfy the estate. The court over-ruled the objections and ordered Mr. Jones to pay the loss of \$100, the expenses and costs, amounting to \$170, and the cost of the motion. L. Bond for plaintiffs, Frank Higgins for H. H. Jones.

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B. C., January, 1903.
(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
1. 7.21.30	10.40.7.7	13.40.8.1	23.40.2.1	19.40.8.1	10.40.7.7	1. 7.21.30	10.40.7.7
2. 7.16.41	11.01.7.5	14.14.7.9	23.30.2.6	19.30.2.6	10.40.7.7	2. 7.16.41	11.01.7.5
3. 7.28.8.2	11.58.8.2	15.08.7.2	23.18.2.1	19.18.2.1	10.40.7.7	3. 7.28.8.2	11.58.8.2
4. 7.50.3.8	12.53.8.3	16.16.3.2	22.50.6.6	18.50.6.6	10.40.7.7	4. 7.50.3.8	12.53.8.3
5. 8.20.4.5	13.40.8.5	17.08.3.7	22.30.6.6	18.30.6.6	10.40.7.7	5. 8.20.4.5	13.40.8.5
6. 8.51.5.1	14.20.8.7	17.48.3.4	22.10.6.6	18.10.6.6	10.40.7.7	6. 8.51.5.1	14.20.8.7
7. 9.22.5.6	14.53.8.9	18.11.3.7	21.50.6.6	17.50.6.6	10.40.7.7	7. 9.22.5.6	14.53.8.9
8. 9.53.6.1	15.20.9.1	18.40.3.9	21.30.6.6	17.30.6.6	10.40.7.7	8. 9.53.6.1	15.20.9.1
9. 10.24.6.6	15.43.9.3	19.09.4.2	21.10.6.6	17.10.6.6	10.40.7.7	9. 10.24.6.6	15.43.9.3
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BODY OF SAILOR CAST UP ON BEACH

BELIEVED TO HAVE
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Other Discoveries Along the Island Coast—Oscar Lost Her Propeller.

After drifting a couple of hundred miles northward, it is believed that the body of one of the victims of the ill-fated Norwegian barque "Prince Arthur," which was wrecked off Flattery rocks a few weeks ago, has come ashore at Clayoquot. According to information received by the steamer Queen City from the West Coast last evening, the remains of some unknown sailor was washed up on the beach at that place. The corpse is badly decomposed. In the pocket of the olefin, with which the deceased had been clad, nothing was found to identify the man.

Further up the coast at Quatsino the carcass of a dead horse has been cast up on the beach, together with some small bits of animal tips. All are supposed, by residents of Quatsino, to have come from a wreck, although there is no evidence to positively establish this fact.

On the rocks in the vicinity of Neuchâtel a lifeboat has been found, marked S. C. Allen. How it came to have drifted on to the shores of this island cannot at present be explained. The S. C. Allen sails from Port Townsend, and was last reported at Honolulu, where she arrived from Puget Sound on December 22nd.

Apart from the report of these discoveries the Queen City has an interesting budget of news. She had been on one of her long trips along the coast, and from Quatsino brings the intelligence that Sam Bryce has made the discovery of some bit of anthracite coal. A specimen of molybdenite, it is said, has also been found.

The potlatch is now over, and Indians are signing for sealing voyages. A number of captains have been down the coast at different points endeavoring to engage hunters, and have been generally successful, although a few instances, it is said, crews could not be secured. One of the klutchemen who had been attending the potlatch at Esquimalt died aboard the Queen City on her return. She indulged too freely in the dancing festivities, and death was the result. The vessel, a very stormy trip, having had to put back to Bamfield Creek yesterday morning for shelter.

The passengers who arrived on the steamer last evening were as follows: Messrs. E. Jennings, P. Flaherty, Johnson, Laney, Barnett, Stewart, Milward, Jensen, Talbot and Symonds, Capt. Olsen, and Delouchery, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, and Capt. McPhee.

SEARCHING FOR MUTINEERS.

H. M. S. Shearwater, Commander Charles H. Umfreville, which recently left Esquimalt for a cruise in the Pacific, called at Panning Island on the 20th inst. on voyage to Pining Island. Dispatches received at Queenstown, Ireland, state that the Shearwater is vigorously prosecuting the search for mutineers of the Liverpool steamship Castle Leicester. It may be recalled that Capt. Peattie, of the liner, alleges that three of the mutineers—Seamen Robbs, Sears and Turner—after they had killed Nixon, the mate, and wounded himself severely by a revolver shot, escaped from the ship on a raft 300 miles north of Pitcairn Island. In the opinion of Capt. Peattie the mutineers' raft would bear them to that island or some of the neighboring ones. Based first on Pitcairn, noticed by a passing ship, give some color to the supposition. The incident is another confirmation of the common saying that history repeats itself. The mutineers of Pitcairn invariably recall the mutineers of the Bounty by 1780.

ST. DAVID SAFE.

A dispatch has been received in San Francisco giving welcome intelligence that the American ship St. David, of the California Shipping Company's fleet, sighted off the Japanese coast on December 18th, with a large part of her rigging gone, was towed into the harbor at Yokohama.

Another telegram received in Tacoma by Dowdell & Co. gave the information that it was the Northern Pacific liner Glenogle, which left Tacoma on January 8th for Kobe, that picked up the storm-beaten craft, and towed her safely into Yokohama.

The St. David sailed from Manila for Puget Sound ten days ago. She is a large vessel and her rescue will entitle the Glenogle to a good-sized salvage claim. The St. David had evidently been blown northward along her true course somewhat, as she got into the ocean pathway of the steamers from the Sound to Yokohama. The Glenogle had not intended stopping at Yokohama on her outward-bound voyage, but did so to tow the St. David, as being the first port offering. It is not known how far out the disabled ship was picked up.

HARMER'S ROUGH TRIP.

Passengers on the steamer Charmer yesterday morning had an experience which they are likely to remember. The steamer did not leave her Victoria wharf until about seven o'clock, owing to the heavy fog prevailing. After getting out into the Straits the wind and sea held her almost at a standstill, and from the time of passing Brodie's Ledge



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until Trial Island was reached, over an hour elapsed. In chin weather she was unable to make headway, but in the face of yesterday's southeaster, blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour, progress was almost impossible. It was after one in the afternoon when the steamer made Vancouver. By this time the storm had subsided, but in the Terminal City, at also along the C. P. R., the gale had been felt. Along the railway it came in the shape of a heavy snowstorm.

RECHRESTINGEN STEAMERS.

The Dollar Steamship Company has decided to change the name of its well known wooden steamer John S. Kimball, which is regularly operated in the San Francisco-Tacoma trade, and which, during the summer months, has been operated to Nome. The Kimball is to be renamed the James Dollar.

The Danish steamship Arab, formerly British and one of the large freighters plying on this coast, which was for a time in the transport service under the United States government charter, is understood to be in command, and the ship also to have her name changed, and will be known as the Harpold Dollar.

PRINCESS VICTORIA HAS LEFT.

A telegram to the C. P. N. Company, of this city, announces that the new ferry, the Princess Victoria, left Newcastle-on-Tyne at 4 p.m. yesterday. This will leave the ship due here about the end of March. Captain Hopwood, it is understood, is in command, and the ship also to have her name changed, and will be known as the Harpold Dollar.

On authority of Superintendent Marpole, of the C. P. R. Company, it is

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THE LEAGUE OF TWELVE

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Author of "Dr. Nikola," "The Marriage of Esther," "Pharos the Egyptian," "Long Live the King," "My Indian Queen," etc., etc.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS: Jack Trowbridge, the owner of Stratford Castle, near Great Brackford, has been impoverished by unfortunate speculations on the part of his father, and he and his sister Dorothea, who are still left after their parents' death, with a comfortable £2,000 a year, find it desirable to live in a smaller house in the neighborhood. With some difficulty a tenant is found for the castle, a foreigner named d'Alvaro, who is of mixed blood, and hails from South America. Jack Trowbridge happens to witness the arrival of his tenant at Great Brackford railway station, and is "struck all of a heap," as he phrases it, by the beautiful woman who accompanied him. The same evening the Hon. James Ormby, a resident of the place, calls at Trowbridge's and proposes marriage to Miss Trowbridge, whom he has loved for years. He is accepted, and leaves, declaring his intention to call again next morning. He fails to do so, however, and Jack, on calling at his residence, finds he had not returned there.

CHAPTER III.

Jack Trowbridge stared at the house-keeper completely taken back. "What do you mean?" he inquired. "Have you not seen Mr. Ormby since he left for my house the night before last?" "That's it, sir," the old lady replied. "He drove away from here in his dog-cart, saying that he was going to dine with you. Williams, the groom, says that he left your house at a quarter to eleven. He was just driving up to our gates when a man stepped out into the road from the path and held up his hand. Mr. Ormby pulled up, then he got down and went away with the gentleman, and we've not seen nor heard anything of him since."

"That's most extraordinary," said Jack. "Who on earth could the stranger have been? Have you made no inquiries?" "Let's bless you, sir, yes. We've sent up to the farm and down to the village, and Williams has been to the police station, but we can't hear anything of him."

"Do you think he caught the midnight train at Stoleby? The man may have brought him news that necessitated his going up to London at once."

"You'll excuse me, sir," said the old woman, "but in that case he would have driven to the station, not walked. No, it's my belief that something foul has taken place."

"Let's hope not. Besides, who would be likely to injure Mr. Ormby. He is

as popular as any man in the neighborhood."

"Then, sir, why doesn't he come home? He must know how anxious we all are. Oh dear, oh dear! To think that I should ever live to see this day, me who nursed him when a babe in arms."

"For Dot's sake I must take this matter up, and at once," said Jack to himself. Then, aloud to the house-keeper, he added: "Just let me see Williams, will you. I should like to put a few questions to him."

"If you'll step into the master's smoking-room, sir, I'll send one of the maids out for him. He's back from the village I know, for I saw him ride by my window just as your bell sounded."

Jack followed her along the hall to the cosy little room at the end he knew so well. If the truth must be confessed he was more troubled by the other's disappearance than he cared to admit. The whole affair seemed so inexplicable. Who was this mysterious stranger? He could not have been a well-known acquaintance, or Ormby would have invited him to the house. By the same reasoning he could not have been a mere beggar, or the latter would not have descended from his cart and have walked away with him. He had known the missing man all his life, had been at school and college with him. He was not aware that he had made any enemies, or that he had any particularly undesirable acquaintances.

Presently Williams, the groom, put in an appearance. He was a dapper young fellow, a superb horseman, and had held his present position ever since his master had left the "Varsity."

"Well, Williams," said Jack, "this is a very extraordinary affair. I don't know what to think of it."

"Nor do I, sir," the groom replied. "When the house-keeper told me that Mr. Ormby was not at home at breakfast time I gave you my word, sir, that you could have knocked me down with a feather."

"Tell me all you can about it," Jack replied.

"There is not very much to tell, sir," Williams answered. "After we left your house we drove straight home. When we were about fifty yards from the gate a man stepped out of the shadow of the hedge and held up his hand for Mr. Ormby to stop."

"Just wait a moment," Jack interposed. "I take it that you were sitting behind?"

"That's quite right, sir, I was; but I had just turned round to see if the gate was open and that's how I know."

"Can you give me any idea what the stranger was like?"

"No, sir, I am sorry to say that I can't. All I noticed was that he was dressed in a long Newcastle coat that came nearly down to his heels and that he wore a felt hat."

"I am afraid that won't be of much use to us. But we must do the best we can with it. Did he speak to Mr. Ormby?"

"Yes, sir, he said something very quiet. I didn't listen, so I couldn't tell you what it was."

"What happened next?"



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Theatre waist for a young girl, in an effective combination of pale pink and black. The foundation of taffeta is covered with ruffles of chiffon edged with narrow black velvet. The waist is made in blouse style, with a yoke and bishop sleeves, and fastens at the back.

The yoke, cuffs and fitted girdle are decorated with rows of narrow velvet ribbon, and the yoke is finished with medallions of black lace.

"Mr. Ormby told me to get down and lead the horse home. Then he jumped out. He would follow in a few minutes, he said."

"In which direction did they walk?"

"Then the station theory and the trip to London won't hold water," said Jack to himself. Then, addressing Williams, he continued: "Have you seen any strange men hanging about here lately; or, in fact, anyone suspicious?"

Williams shook his head. There had been one or two tramps, but as one resembling this mysterious stranger.

"You have made inquiries in the village, the house-keeper tells me, and have also communicated with the police?"

"Yes, sir, I went down there first thing this morning. I hope I did the right thing?"

"Quite. I shall now go on there and make further inquiries. If I were you I should keep a quiet tongue in my head and at the same time keep my eyes open."

"You may be quite sure I shall do that, sir. I do hope nothing serious has happened to Mr. Ormby. I'd give a bit, sir, to know what it all means."

"So would I," said Jack. "Now I'll be off to the police station."

He accordingly left the house and, mounting his horse, turned its head in the direction of the village. The police station was a very small affair, the force consisting of a sergeant and two men. Seeing Jack dismounting the sergeant

rose from his seat and saluted respectfully.

"Good afternoon, Giles," said Jack. "I have ridden over to have a few words with you regarding the disappearance of Mr. Ormby. His groom tells me he came down to see you this morning. Have you heard anything fresh since then?"

"No, sir," the sergeant replied. "I have got both my men out searching now, and they are sending me out extra assistance from the town. As soon as the tackle arrives we shall drag the river; though, for my own part, I am certain we shall not find anything there."

"Unless there's been foul play," said Jack. "Doesn't that strike you as being possible?"

"Of course, sir, it's possible. Anything is possible in a case like this. But there's another way of looking at it. The groom says this stranger was a big man, well, so is Mr. Ormby. Then again, if he anticipated any harm, do you think he would have gone off so quietly without him? No, sir, the theory I formed is that the man who called him out of the trap is somebody he was somewhat ashamed of and didn't want to be seen with. If he went to the village station he would have been recognized, so they walked into Brackford together, and, for all we know to the contrary, Mr. Ormby may be seeing him off at Southampton to-day."

Jack shook his head. Something within him told him that the sergeant's reading of the riddle was not a correct one. There was more behind his friend's disappearance than that.

"What time do you expect the men from town?"

"At any minute, sir," said the sergeant. "They should have been out here by this time."

and the cart rattled down the road in the direction of the meadows which formed a portion of the missing man's property. Every portion of these were diligently searched, but without success. They then turned their attention to the river, a stream which wound its way round the foot of the hill towards a quaint old mill, a mile and a half from Ormby's house. For the greater part of its run it was scarcely more than two feet deep, but there were a couple of pools where an eight foot rod would barely touch the bottom. Here the drags were brought into play and the result was awaited, by Jack at least, with breathless anxiety. But though they tried backwards and forwards, all that was brought to light was a tin can. From this it was evident that Ormby had neither thrown himself, nor had he been thrown, in there. The same result was achieved at the next hole. Afterwards they proceeded to the mill to which I have already referred. The pool itself was of considerable depth, and at the moment of their arrival was flowing under the building at a prodigious rate. Assisted by the miller and his men they dragged and re-dragged until they were tired. The result, however, was the same as before. No trace of a body was to be discovered. Leaving the mill they continued their search down stream for another couple of miles and then turned to the small wood on the other side. The path to Brackford led through this, and had the stranger meant any harm to his companion, here was the spot for him to carry out his intentions. But although they searched it from one end to the other, and peered into every hole, and clump of bracken, their trouble was not rewarded. A disused chalkpit on the further side was next visited, but with the same result. They made inquiries at the little village half a mile further on, but every person they questioned declared that neither he, nor she, had seen anything of Mr. Ormby.

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"Nor I," Jack remarked, dolefully. Then, when the sergeant had promised to communicate with him should they make any discovery, he turned his horse homewards, a totally different individual from the happy-go-lucky fellow who had treated the children in Mrs. Gabbage's shop two days before.

"Poor little Dot," he said as he rode along, "this will prove a terrible blow to her. I wonder how I shall be able to break the news."

By the time he reached the Croft he made up his mind as to his course of action, and with a heavy heart he rode up the drive and gave up his horse in the stable-yard. Entering the house by the back way he proceeded straight to the drawing-room where he found his sister. She was sitting there making a pretence of sewing, but it was very little work she accomplished. There was an anxious, hurried expression upon her face that told its own tale. Her brother fancied that she had been crying, but he did not say anything to her upon the subject. On seeing him she rose from her seat.

"What is the matter?" she asked. "Why does he not come?"

"I'll try to tell you if you'll sit down," Jack began in a faltering voice, "but you must promise me to be calm, Dot."

The girl gave a little start. "Then there is something wrong?" she gasped. You have bad news for me? Tell me, Jack, for pity's sake."

"It is bad news," her brother replied, "but we must give up hope yet. The fact of the matter is Jim has disappeared."

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AN ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS MEN

TO BE KNOWN AS THE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Organization Meeting Was Held
Last Night—Professional Men
Can't Get In.

A chamber of commerce was organized last night in the Phoenix Hall. There was a large attendance, and an honest desire on the part of all present to effect an organization which will advance the best interests of the city. J. L. Beckwith presided. The following communication was read from the board of trade:

J. L. Beckwith, Esq., Chairman, Meeting of Citizens, 29th January.

Dear Sir:—This board of trade having noticed that a meeting of citizens was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., to consider how they can best further the commercial interests of Victoria, and this board having the same objects in view, at a meeting of the board held today the matter was referred to it and it was finally resolved: "That the secretary be instructed to write to J. L. Beckwith, chairman of meeting of citizens of January 22nd, advising him that this board is only too anxious to further the interests of this city in every way possible, and that the council will be glad to receive any committee of the citizens that may be appointed to discuss suggestions that may be advanced to add to the strength and popularity of this board of trade."

The feeling prevailed that the greatest good to Victoria will accrue by strong and united efforts in the same direction, hence this communication.

Yours faithfully,
F. ELWORTHY,
Secretary.

The communication was tabled. In this connection the chairman remarked that at the last meeting some of those present thought it more advisable to strengthen the present board of trade than to organize a new association. The motion, however, was carried, and the chamber of commerce formed, and the following constitution proposed:

1. That the name of this organization shall be "The Victoria Chamber of Commerce."
2. That the object of this organization shall be the advancement of the trade interests of Victoria, the encouragement of home industries, the maintenance of a permanent trade exhibit of products and manufactures and all other matters directly or indirectly affecting the trade interests of the city of Victoria.
3. All persons engaged in trade or manufacture in the city of Victoria shall be eligible for membership.
4. That the fee for membership shall be as follows, viz: For entrance fee to charter members, \$2.00, and 50 cents each month as dues.
5. That there shall be a paid secretary under a monthly salary who shall be elected by ballot and hold office subject to the wishes of the organization.
6. That a president and vice-president shall be elected at the last meeting of the month of March, June, September and December of each year, and shall hold office for a term of three months, and that a honorary treasurer be elected by ballot and shall have charge of the funds of the organization, and shall hold office until his successor is appointed; that regular meetings shall be held on Friday night each week (until otherwise ordered) promptly at 8 o'clock.
7. That the committee work of this organization shall be carried out by special

and not by standing committees; they shall be relieved on completion of duty assigned to them and shall be exempt from further service until other available members have served; members who deliberately shirk their duty on committees shall be suspended from the membership roll for six months.

8. Personalities or party political references shall not be allowed in the meetings. 9. By-laws shall be formed from time to time as may be found necessary. 10. This constitution shall only be amended by a vote of the majority of the members present at a meeting of this organization, on a notice of two weeks being given by the mover.

Signed on behalf of the committee,
GEO. CARTER,
A. J. MORLEY,
H. SMITH,
P. C. MacGregor, Guss Hartnagle, Mr. Guttman and others opposed putting a limitation on the membership. Mr. Morley pointed out that the idea in organizing the chamber was to bring out the business men; it was to consider trade questions.

Mr. Taylor said a chamber of commerce should not be narrow in its membership. If the movement was a trade only, some distinctive name should be given the organization such as a protective association.

H. E. Levy observed that there were bar and medical associations, why shouldn't a merchants' association be formed.

J. L. Beckwith wanted to see the association established on the broadest lines, which would ensure for it a measure of success otherwise impossible. Finally after further discussion the clause was allowed to stand. This means that professional men are debarred from joining the association.

Mr. Taylor was amended to provide that a president and vice-president shall be elected every three months. Officers were then elected as follows:
President, J. L. Beckwith; vice-president, Geo. Carter; treasurer, Jas. Forman; secretary pro tem, A. J. Morley.

In acknowledging his election the president expressed the hope that the association would do good work and co-operate with the board of trade in the interests of the city's welfare. It was not correct that the chamber was formed in opposition to the board of trade.

A large number signed the roll, after which the meeting adjourned.



SATURDAY'S ATTRACTIONS.
Rugby Football—Nanaimo Hornets vs. Victoria, at 3 o'clock, at Caledonia grounds.
Association Football—Columbus vs. Royal Artillery, at 3 o'clock, at W. Point grounds.
Victoria West vs. Capitals (intermediate game), at 3 o'clock, at Beacon Hill; Central vs. Capitals (junior game), at 1:45, at Beacon Hill.
Hockey—General practice at 3 o'clock, at Oak Bay.

SCOTCH CURLERS WIN.
At Stratford yesterday the visiting Scotch curlers won from risks representing St. Mary's, Bright, W. Walker, Waterloo, Stratford, Clinton and Stratford, by a score of 86 to 48.

THE HUNT.
REGULAR RUN.
The regular run of the Hunt Club will be held to-morrow afternoon and will start from "Burleigh," the residence of Mrs. James Drummond, on Craigflower road, at 2:45 o'clock.

HOCKEY.
GENERAL PRACTICE.
Members of both the ladies' and gentlemen's hockey teams will hold a practice on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Oak Bay grounds to-morrow afternoon in order to prepare for the remainder of the season's matches.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.
NANAIMO HORNETS COMING.
On Saturday the Hornets of Nanaimo, will play the local Rugby team in this city. The match promises to be a very hotly contested one. The visitors are determined to win the championship of the season. Though defeated in Vancouver in the first match played by them this year, they feel confident of reversing that when the Vancouver players appear in Nanaimo. They are preparing to win the match on Saturday so as to put them in good shape for the championship.

On the other hand the locals are well aware of what they have to meet and are prepared to put up a star game. Nothing is being left undone to get in condition for the struggle, so that visitors may fairly expect to see a game on Saturday evening by nothing which will be seen this season.

The teams will line up as follows:
Victoria—Full back, H. A. Goward; three-quarters, H. P. P. Schwenker, Patton, Galloway; halves, K. Gillespie, L. Millman; forwards, Morison, Pettigrew, Grundy, Pennington, Briggs, Cornwall, Corbett, A. McLean.

Hornets—Full back, D. Ferguson; three-quarters, Simpson, Stewart, McLeod, Stewart; halves, Snowdon, Neen, captain; forwards, Swanson, Walker, Weeks, Drake, Eastman, McPherson, Killeen and Dobson.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.
COLUMBUS V. BARRACKS.
One of the provincial league series of games will be played to-morrow afternoon between the Columbus and Royal Artillery teams on the Work Point grounds. The former eleven has been training hard during the past week, and is determined to defeat the soldiers if possible. The barracks' organization is acknowledged to be one of the strongest teams of the province, and the game will therefore be closely contested. The kick off will take place at 3 o'clock. The teams follow:
Barracks—Goal, Sappor; Harvey; backs, Gr. Rivers and Mitchell; halves, Gr. Ward, Dr. Fairless, Gr. Crump; forwards, Gr. Willis, Butler, Taylor, E. Price, Gr. Johnston, Gr. Donnelly and Sapper Clinch.

Columbus—Goal, Marshall; backs, S. Shanks and R. Thorpe; halves, A. Johnson, D. Hunter, J. Lawson, G. Wilson, R. McCann, C. Bieleley.

INTERMEDIATE GAME.
A match will be played to-morrow afternoon between the Victoria West and Capital teams at Beacon Hill. This is one of the series for an intermediate championship of the city, and will be a hard game. The Victoria West club is experiencing a little difficulty in getting together a team, but say it is unlikely the match will be postponed on that account.

JUNIOR GAME.
A junior game will be played to-morrow afternoon at Beacon Hill between the Cen-

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Thirty-Third Annual Statement

The Royal Bank of Canada

To the Public:	31st December, 1901.	31st December, 1902.
Notes of the bank in circulation	\$ 1,847,152 02	\$ 1,926,713 15
Deposits payable on demand	\$ 4,296,100 88	\$ 4,032,031 35
Deposits payable after notice	\$ 8,929,278 44	\$ 9,764,013 38
Interest accrued on deposits	\$ 127,145 31	\$ 131,436 97
Balance due to other banks in Canada	\$ 41,452 52	\$ 43,491 84
Balance due to agencies of this bank and other banks in foreign countries	\$ 150,273 11	\$ 208,552 59
Balance due to agents in Great Britain	\$ 103,708 00	\$ 107,401 17
Balance due to Government	\$ 115,514,800 28	\$ 116,700,306 02
To the Shareholders:		
Capital paid up	\$ 2,000,000 00	\$ 2,451,000 00
Reserve fund	\$ 1,700,000 00	\$ 2,500,000 00
Dividends Nos. 64 and 65, latter payable 2nd February, 1903.	\$ 70,000 00	\$ 80,000 00
Former dividends unclaimed	\$ 35 00	\$ 35 00
Balance of profits carried forward	\$ 91,862 06	\$ 90,234 84
	\$ 69,376,717 37	\$ 71,869,958 48

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Net profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and accrued interest on deposits, and after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, and for rebate on bills under discount

Interest on deposits	\$ 279,796 35
Premium on 4,510 shares of new stock at \$250 per share	\$ 1,127,500 00
Brought forward from 31st December, 1901	\$ 91,582 00
	\$ 1,498,884 35

RESERVE FUND

Balance at credit on 31st December, 1901	\$ 470,000 00
Premium on new stock	\$ 78,500 00
Transferred from profit and loss account	\$ 800,000 00
	\$ 1,228,500 00

Capital stock increased \$481,000 on the 30th December, 1902.

SAVINGS BANK

trial and Capital teams, commencing at 1:45 o'clock.

BASKETBALL.

FERNWOODS CHAMPIONS.
The match played last night in the P. Y. M. A. hall decided the championship of the intermediate league, the winners being the Fernwoods team. The margin between that team and the Victoria Wests and Capitals is not large, and it is expected that the fight for second place will be very interesting.

The game last night was won by Fernwoods by a score of 22 to 16. The score, however, does not give a correct indication of the nature of the game. Play was not by any means one-sided. The margin between the Fernwood forwards and the Capitals, T. Peden scored 6 points, J. Macdonald 11, and W. Macdonald 6 for the winners. Leveridge scored 4, Temple 4, and Richmond 2 points for the Capitals. W. P. Macdonald refereed the game.

TO-MORROW'S GAME.

The match scheduled to be played on Saturday evening at the drill hall between the Victoria West and James Bay Athletic Association teams will be interesting. Victoria West will not be represented by its best team, and the Bays have replaced it by a junior team. Play will commence at 8:30 o'clock as usual. The teams follow:
Victoria West—G. O'Keefe, F. Jones, F. Baker, H. Jacobson, A. Stevens, T. Crocker, H. Macdonald.
James Bay—J. R. A. Forwards, Smith and Pettigrew; centre, R. C. Janion; guards, Bel and Phillips.

VICTORIA FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

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- 3—Hidcage Wk. and Superior St. James B.
- 4—Carr and Simcoe Sts., James Bay.
- 5—Michigan and Menzies Sts., James Bay.
- 6—Menzies and Niagara Sts., James Bay.
- 7—Montreal and Kingston Sts., James Bay.
- 8—Montreal and Simcoe Sts., James Bay.
- 9—Duke St. and Simcoe Sts., James Bay.
- 10—Vancouver and Burdette Sts.
- 11—Douglas and Humboldt Sts.
- 12—Humboldt and Rupert Sts.
- 13—Yates and Broad Sts.
- 14—Fort and Government Sts.
- 15—Yates and Wharf Sts.
- 16—Johnson and Government Sts.
- 17—Douglas St. between Fort and View.
- 18—Headquarters Fire Dept., Cormorant St.
- 19—View and Blanchard Sts.
- 20—Fort and Quadra Sts.
- 21—Yates and Cook Sts.
- 22—Cadboro Bay Rd. and Stanley Ave.
- 23—Juniper Bay Rd. and Cadboro Bay Rd.
- 24—Cadboro Bay and Richmond Bds.
- 25—Quadra and Pandora Sts.
- 26—Caledonia and Cook Sts.
- 27—Spring Ridge.
- 28—North Champlain St. and Stanley Ave.
- 29—Douglas and Discovery Sts.
- 30—Government and Princess Sts.
- 31—King's Rd. and Victoria B. C. on 1st 27th inst., the wife of Charles William Hills, of a son.
- 32—Kirkpatrick, at Nelson, on Jan. 2nd, the wife of J. A. Kirkpatrick, of a son.
- 33—Mackie, at New Westminster, on Jan. 2nd, the wife of Mackie, aged 73 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO-RENT—Two story house, six rooms, in good condition, Stanley avenue. Apply 12 Stanley avenue.

WANTED—Experienced hands, also learners, for shirt factory. Apply J. Piercy & Co., Yates street.

WANTED—To rent, furnished or partly furnished house. Bedford, Times.

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NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING
Of the Glenora M. & M. Co., will be held at 21 Store street, Feb. 10th, at 8 p. m.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Almoa Gold Mining Company, Ltd., Ltd.
Will be held in their office, 30 Broad street, on THURSDAY, FEB. 5th, 1903, at 8 p. m.
J. D. WARREN,
Secretary.

TO THE TRADE:

Auction Sale.

Of the staple portion of Mr. Cashmore's stock, on the premises, 88½ Douglas St., on Wednesday Next.

Stock is now being taken, and will be offered in lots. Particulars later.
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